

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-2 are canceled.

3. (Previously presented) A device adapted and configured to be disposed on a nonautomotive roaming object, comprising a radio that is compatible with a dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service, wherein the radio comprises at least one of:

- a transmitter that transmits information regarding the nonautomotive roaming object compatibly with the dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service; and
- a receiver that receives information service information compatibly with the dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service
- wherein the object information includes category information that identifies the nonautomotive roaming object as belonging to a particular predefined category that is one of a group of categories consisting of living objects, non-living objects, pedestrians, bicyclists, able-bodied persons, temporarily disabled persons, permanently disabled persons, adults, children, joggers, and hitchhikers or a group of categories consisting of a subset of the categories heretofore named.

Claims 4-6 are canceled.

7. (Previously Presented) A device adapted and configured to be disposed on a nonautomotive roaming object, comprising a radio that is compatible with a dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service, wherein the radio comprises at least one of:

- a transmitter that transmits information regarding the nonautomotive roaming object compatibly with the dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service; and
 - a receiver that receives information service information compatibly with the dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service,
- wherein the transmitter comprises a dedicated short range transmitter, that includes a high power mode of operation that is activated by receipt of a control signal by the receiver that commands the device to transmit, using the transmitter, a high power signal that identifies the

nonautomotive roaming object.

Claims 8-9 are canceled.

10. (Previously Presented) A device adapted and configured to be disposed on a nonautomotive roaming object, comprising a radio that is compatible with a dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service, wherein the radio comprises at least one of:

- a transmitter that transmits information regarding the nonautomotive roaming object compatibly with the dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service; and
- a receiver that receives information service information compatibly with the dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service.

wherein the transmitter is disabled upon the receiver receiving a transmitter disable signal.

Claims 11-26 are canceled.

27. (Previously Presented) A method for use with a device that is adapted and configured to be disposed on a nonautomotive roaming object, the device comprising a user interface and a radio that is compatible with a dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service, wherein the radio comprises at least one of:

- a transmitter operably coupled to the user interface that transmits information regarding the nonautomotive roaming object compatibly with the dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service; and
- a receiver operably coupled to the user interface that receives information service information compatibly with the dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service;

the method comprising automatically using location information to selectively control at least one of the transmitter and the user interface

- wherein transmitting a message further includes transmitting a message that indicates at least a likelihood that the device will imminently be involved in a collision with a vehicle.

28. (Previously Presented) A method for use with a device that is adapted and configured to be disposed on a nonautomotive roaming object, the device comprising a user interface and a

radio that is compatible with a dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service, wherein the radio comprises at least one of:

- a transmitter operably coupled to the user interface that transmits information regarding the nonautomotive roaming object compatibly with the dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service; and
- a receiver operably coupled to the user interface that receives information service information compatibly with the dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service;

the method comprising automatically using location information to selectively control at least one of the transmitter and the user interface

- wherein automatically using location information to selectively control at least one of the transmitter and the user interface includes:
- determining that the nonautomotive roaming object is presently located proximal to a plurality of other nonautomotive roaming objects;
- automatically initiating a predetermined action.

29. (Original) The method of claim 28

- wherein automatically initiating a predetermined action includes automatically initiating a reduced transmission power mode of operation.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29 wherein automatically initiating a reduced transmission power mode of operation includes disabling the transmitter.

31. (Original) The method of claim 28 wherein automatically initiating a predetermined action includes automatically transmitting at least some information regarding the other nonautomotive roaming objects.

Claims 32-34 are canceled.

35. (Previously Presented) A method for use with a device that is adapted and configured to be disposed on a nonautomotive roaming object, the device comprising a user interface and a radio that is compatible with a dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service, wherein the radio comprises at least one of:

- a transmitter operably coupled to the user interface that transmits information regarding the

nonautomotive roaming object compatibly with the dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service; and

- a receiver operably coupled to the user interface that receives information service information compatibly with the dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service;

the method comprising automatically using location information to selectively control at least one of the transmitter and the user interface, and

wherein the device further includes a memory and wherein the method further comprises storing at least some history regarding the nonautomotive roaming object in the memory, and wherein automatically using location information to selectively control at least one of the transmitter and the user interface includes:

- storing at least some activity history regarding disablement of the transmitter in the memory;
- transmitting at least some of the activity history, such that the activity history regarding disablement of the transmitter can be utilized to dynamically adjust insurance coverage terms and conditions.

36. (Original) The method of claim 35 and further including:

- receiving information regarding dynamic adjustment of the insurance coverage terms and conditions compatibly with the dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service.

37. (Previously Presented) A method for use with a device that is adapted and configured to be disposed on a nonautomotive roaming object, the device comprising a user interface and a radio that is compatible with a dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service, wherein the radio comprises at least one of:

- a transmitter operably coupled to the user interface that transmits information regarding the nonautomotive roaming object compatibly with the dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service; and
- a receiver operably coupled to the user interface that receives information service information compatibly with the dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service;

the method comprising automatically using location information to selectively control at least one of the transmitter and the user interface,

wherein automatically using location information to selectively control at least one of the

transmitter and the user interface includes:

- using location information to determine at least an approximate present velocity of the nonautomotive roaming object;
- whenever the approximate present velocity at least exceeds a predetermined threshold, automatically disabling the transmitter.

Claim 38 is canceled.

39. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 7, wherein the device is constructed and arranged to physically and operably couple with and draw at least some operating power from a portable device wherein the portable device comprises one of a portable two-way communications device, a personal digital assistant, a portable computer, and a global positioning system receiver.

40. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 7, wherein the device is constructed and arranged for installation in a vehicular electronic equipment, wherein the device is constructed and arranged to physically and operably couple with and draw at least some operating power from the vehicular electronic equipment.

41. (Previously Presented) A device adapted and configured to be disposed on a nonautomotive roaming object, comprising a radio that is compatible with a dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service, wherein the radio comprises at least one of:

- a transmitter that transmits information regarding the nonautomotive roaming object compatibly with the dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service; and
- a receiver that receives information service information compatibly with the dedicated short range radio frequency-based roadside information service,
- wherein the device is responsive to a signal received by the receiver that includes a repeat command to determine whether the device is a device identified by information associated with the repeat command, and when the device is not the identified device, to transmit information obtained from the received signal, including the repeat command and the device identification.

42. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 7,
- wherein the high power signal includes a location of the device.

43. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 10,
- wherein the device is responsive to a signal received by the receiver that includes a repeat command to determine whether the device is a device identified by information within the signal, and when the device is not the identified device, to transmit information obtained from the received signal, including the repeat command and the device identification, by the transmitter of the device, and wherein the repeat command is also acted upon by the device as the transmitter disable signal after the information obtained within the received signal is transmitted.